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Attention: Alexandra Penchhold; art unit 3671

Re: US Patent Application no. 10/722,981
In the name of Humberto Urriola & Christian Urriola
Entitled: Transport Corridor Drainage System

Dear Sirs,

We refer to the examiner's report dated1st April 2005, and thank the examiner for her in depth review of the invention as claimed.

Whilst we believe that we were too broad in our drafting of claim 1, in relation to Urriola (US 5,810,510). We do believe that claim 1 as presently amended is valid over Urriola (US 5,810,510).

Urriola does show a road edge being permeable to water. However the road edge (12) is shown as permeable concrete (see cross section), ie. a solid structure. Below the permeable shoulder is a drainage cell (11) wrapped in geotextile (9). The drainage cells (11) are empty of any infill (there being no mention of infill in the citation).

We have combined claims 1 & 2, to indicate that the *"at least edge surface is formed by a drainage structure having two perforated planar members held apart by substantially rigid spacer members, with the void within the drainage structure filled with aggregate material."* All remaining claims contain or appended to claims having this feature.

There is no disclosure in Urriola of the **actual surface** of the edge being formed of such a structure. It is this feature that gives the invention its novelty.

We therefore enclose herewith a new set of claims to replace those presently on file.

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We trust that the present application will now proceed to acceptance.

Yours faithfully
Astral Property Pty Ltd
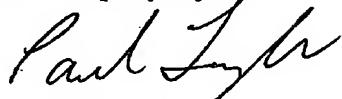
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